

Questions & Answers

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Question#	Type of Question	Question	Answer	POC
114	Acquisition	You indicated that IGC will be available for use by the services to create new programs or migrate programs to. Does that mean that IGC will support any reqmt or mainly trnasportation or supply related programs ?	Requirements validation and prioritization is performed by the Joint Functional Requirements Board (JSJ4). We will support requirements allocated to IGC via their process.	Brian Dudek
115	Acquisition	Why are both Task 1,2,3 and Task 4 proposals due at the same time when contractors cannot bid on both? This is a significant cost to work both and not be eligible to get both awards	Contractors can bid on both, but only win one. The reason for concurrent proposals is due to the accelerated program timeline.	Brian Dudek
116	Contracting	The PWS seems to be more in line with an RFP. The briefings this morning said there "are no planse to reinvent the wheel - architecture(s) established". Since the solution is prescribed, why is the document called a PWS ?	A PWS is not exclusive to a RFQ.	Brian Dudek
117	Engineering	Who did the architecture - DoD AF work ? Can they bid in the IDE/GTN Convergence ?	A pool of support contractors at USTRANSCOM and DLA, respectively. Whether they can bid will be determined by the contracting officer.	Brian Dudek
118	Acquisition	What conflicts do you see between 5000.1 requirements and agile development ? Will any 5000.1 requirements be waived ?	No conflicts; No 5000.1 requirements have been waived as of yet.	Brian Dudek
119	Acquisition	Is Task Area III going to be awarded to the same prime contractor that is responsible for task Areas I & II ? Is the "ESP" the contractor doing Task Area s I & II or I, II & III ? You indicated that "FAD" contractors will be contractors that you know and that know your tools. Does that mean that only contractors that support Transcom and DLA apps will be given a chance to compete for a FAD BPA ?	ESP will be awarded Task Areas I, II, and III as BPA #1. The FAD BPA (BPA #2) is open to competition, so no, it is not restricted to contractors currently supporting DLA/TRANSCOM. Once the FADs are awarded and receive work, they will be utilized repetitively, which will foster extensive knowledge of our tools and processes.	Brian Dudek
120	Engineering	Is the "cross-domain" vision for IGC limited to SIPRNET (High) and NIPRNET (Low), or does it also include .com (Internet) and Open Source network sources/access? What are the Coalition Partner (e.g. NATO) info sharing reqmts for IGC?	IGC is currently limited to SIPRNET and NIPRNET. No specific Coalition Partner requirements have been identified at this time; however, coalition partners are identified as customers in the CPD.	Brian Dudek
121	Acquisition	Is IV&V work to be contracted ? Is there a GTN -- IDE migration plan ? Typically this is under-estimated. You have barely mentioned this capability.	No. There is no IDE migration. GTN migration will occur under Task Area I, which requires sunseting GTN.	Brian Dudek
122	Acquisition	Regarding software needed for tasks 1-3, are those products purchased via IGC contract ? (e.g. Oracle, Informatica...). Same question for Task 4. PWS says software is GFE.	Gov't will purchase the products/licenses and they will be provided as GFE. The same holds true for Task Area IV.	Brian Dudek

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123	Acquisition	What is process for validating "new requirements" that are significant in scope ?	New requirements that come to IGC will be validated, prioritized, and allocated by the J-FRB; prior to being assigned to IGC.	Brian Dudek
124	Engineering	One of AT-21's key missions is transportation data visualization. How do you envision IGC & AT21 relating with regard to data visualization ?	AT21 is an advanced planning and optimization system. IGC will not perform advanced planning and optimization. AT21 will rely on the the net-centric services provided by IGC to access authoritative data, historical data, and summarized data.	Brian Dudek
125	Acquisition	Program Governance Topic: IGC has been identified as an ERAM program under BTA/JRB. Questions: Has the ERAM process already started ? How do you believe this will be managed ? Will the Gov't take on/be the primary Interface Lead ? What role should the ESP plan for ?	Yes, the ERAM process has started; we received our first ERAM assessment over a year ago. The Gov't will handle/manage any interfaces with BTA/ERAM. ESP will not be requested to support the ERAM process.	Brian Dudek
126	Engineering	If authoritative sources are sending bad data is the scope of this initiative to help them clean it to prevent garbage in, garbage out ? (ie. Clean the authoritative source?). Who owns IGC data - DLA or TRANSCOM ? If answer is both, what are current governance strategy for accountability in a dual-agency data ownership ?	To summarize, the scope of our initiative is to identify bad data using quantitative data profiling mechanisms, enabling leadership to take action to correct it. Additionally, we will cleanse and integrate data as appropriate to satisfy the IGC requirements outlined in Task Area I within level II and III of the EDW.	Brian Dudek
127	Acquisition	After award can a "FADS" be a subcontractor to the ESP. Also when cost is > \$x can the ESP be a sub to a "FADS" ?	No to both. We want a "pure" competitive environment. The FAD and the ESP cannot subcontract to each other.	Brian Dudek
128	Acquisition	Great focus on meeting warfighter requirements, but will you not also respond to requirements of BTA (sp ? On last letter?), OSD, GAO, etc ?	We will respond to requirements that have been validated and allocated to us by J-FRB and our leadership.	Brian Dudek
129	Engineering	Mr. Rusnak stated that IGC is open to other toolsets -- Does this mean bidders may suggest alternatives to webmethods and metamatrix ?	This is not being asked for as part of RFQ/PWS. If you want to propose alternates to WM/MM or any other COTS toolset currently in use, you must provide justification that documents value to the Gov't.	Brian Dudek
130	Acquisition	What governance structure has been established to include all of the stakeholders in IGC ?	The J-FRB, DSG, IRB, DBSMC, DPO Executive Board, membership in the GCSS FoS, as well as, matrix support and teaming agreements from both commands..	Brian Dudek
131	Contracting	Will there be a small business requirement or goal for the ESP or FADS ? Will the FADS have any contractual relationship with the ESP ? Will there be a draft RFP/RFQ for comment ? If so, when ? When can we expect the final RFP/RFQ ?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek

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132	Engineering	Because throughput constraints on the current GTN System can create excessive data latency during periods of peak loads: Question: Is the GTN P3i product going to have the performance speed/throughput that DoD needs --ie. Are you satisfied with GTN P3i product ?	Yes to both.	Brian Dudek
133	Engineering	Does IGC intend to eliminate interfaces to intermediate decision support systems and instead integrate with true source transactional systems ?	In general and where possible, yes.	Brian Dudek
134	Acquisition	Several briefers have used the phrase "ESPs" vice "ESP". Do you expect one or multiple ESP providers to be selected ?	There will be only one ESP.	Brian Dudek
135	Acquisition	Upon Contract Award ESP has to develop connectivity etc to Dev&Test at Mechanicsburg. Is that a funded activity under the contract ?	Your proposal should include any costs you anticipate will be required to establish developer/sustainer connectivity to the environments at the DECC.	Brian Dudek
137	Engineering	How will the EDW integrate supply and maintenance data ? Will the interfaces maintained in IDE 1.0 that support the IDE-AV program be migrated to the newer version of IDE that is part of the IGC and will this requirements be part of the IGC program.	There is no requirement in current scope for maintenance data. New requirements are satisfied via Task Areas III and IV.	Brian Dudek
138	Acquisition	Ms. Broussard said that IDE Phase I includes AV/JTAV work. Answer for question 65 says AV is not in the scope of Tasks I & II. Can you clarify ?	IDE Phase I completed in Jan 06 and is being sustained by DLIS. AV is not in scope for IGC TA's I&II. DLIS has existing sustainment contract. AV is not required to turn off GTN (TAI).	Brian Dudek
139	Acquisition	Will the exercise system have an internal simulation capability? Will the ESP provide EOI's (sp?) to allow training simulations to stimulate IDE IGC during training events.	The exercise system must facilitate visualizing data from simulation systems. It has to provide a view of the simulated data just like the "actual" system does. The technical solution for this must be engineered as part of this contract.	Brian Dudek
140	Acquisition	Do you plan to release: name, company name, email of today's attendees ?	Yes. Attendee information has been posted to the website.	Brian Dudek
141	Acquisition	IDE - you said IDE Phase II complete by Aug 08....but....charts show several IGC tasks under Phase III. Is this correct ?	We will complete GTN P3i Spiral 3 interfaces by end of FY08. IDE Phase III continues at IGC contract award supporting TA I, II & III & IV (as required).	Brian Dudek
142	Acquisition	I thought TRDM was a replicated feed to P3i not going thru IDE. Yet your chart shows TRDM going into IDE ?	It's both, due to strategic technology decisions at USTC.	Brian Dudek
143	Acquisition	May a bidder submit proposals for both the ESP portion and the FAD portion ?	Yes, however, a bidder can only win one, either ESP or FAD, not both.	Brian Dudek

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144	Engineering	How will IDE/GTN (IGC) integrate for providing subscriber capability to various levels of data? Does IDE include a staging DB for subscribing data (for as-is source data).	IDE does not have a staging DB, but GTN P3I does. Access to levels of Data (e.g. 1,2,3) could be made available via IDE and/or leveraging the GTN P3I warehouse/staging capabilities services.	Brian Dudek
145	Engineering	Under IGC, will IDE and GTN (EDW) exist as separate components from infrastructure (hardware/software) side or will they be completely integrated ? For example, will IDE have it's own registry and metadata repository separate from GTN EDW ? What about Discovery Portal for viewing metadata - will this be completely integrated to view both IDE metadata and EDW metadata?	IGC is a system-of-systems including IDE and GTN (EDW). There are two infrastructures co-located in the DISA DECC. However, DLA and USTRANSCOM plan to integrate, federate, and/or leverage hardware and COTS software capabilities where and when appropriate.	Brian Dudek
146	Contracting	I did not understand the pre-lunch comment about prescribed solutions. You said something to the effect: it only appears that the solution is prescribed. It is not really prescribed. Will you further explain that comment	The Government wants Offerors to provide solutions that offer the best value to the IGC Program. We are, however, converging 2 existing systems; not starting from scratch.	Brian Dudek
147	Contracting	Will the acquisition strategy include a Small Business Plan ? If so, can you discuss the plan/goals ?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek
148	Contracting	Mr. Burke prohibited informal dialogue between bidders and PMO leadership. If only the incumbants may talk with the Gov't, then other bidders are at a clear disadvantage. Please explain why, in the absence of an RFQ/RFQ, this promotes competition.	Mr. Burke prohibited conversation during the lunch time at Industry Day so as to not provide any one vendor an opportunity over another. IGC PMO will not discuss details of the upcoming acquisition with incumbent contractors beyond the extent offered to all parties.	Brian Dudek
149	Contracting	% of total business set aside for small companies?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek
150	Contracting	Total \$\$\$ involved for the program	The Government is electing not to discuss program budgets at this time.	Brian Dudek
151	Contracting	What is the period of performance for task areas 1-3 and task area 4 ? What is the authorized budget for task areas 1 and 2 ?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ. The government will not discuss program budgets or funding.	Brian Dudek
152	Contracting	Who will have "Bridging" oversight (ie. Management Responsibility) between Task 1-3 Awardee and the multiple Awardees on Task 4 ?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek
153	Contracting	Do you have a budget to address new requirements + implement the surge capability	The government will not discuss program budgets or funding.	Brian Dudek

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154	Contracting	The ESP has a compliance oversight role over the FADS. It seems to present a potential conflict on the "Smaller" tasks awarded to the ESP. Would you consider scoping one of the FAD BPA's around providing shorter term "surge" support to handle these tasks (Perhaps targeted at a smaller company)?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek
155	Contracting	Will the BICOE be comprised of Government personnel exclusively, contractor personnel exclusively or both ?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek
156	Contracting	Will you clarify how the PWS relates contractually to the COE ? Should the proposal include support to the COE ? Standing Up ? Sustainment ? Not at all ? Both ?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek
157	Engineering	PWS Line 2287 The ESP shall develop IES that will provide a capability for classified exercise support that operates like the operational system. Is there an unclassified exercise support requirement?	No. High-side, only.	Brian Dudek
158	Engineering	PWS Line 2288 The IES will support users who conduct multiple simulated transportation exercise scenarios that provide operational realism with near real time, historical, and/or fictitious data. Does multiple simulated transportation exercise scenarios mean different exercises being executed at the same time? Does fictitious data mean the synthetic simulated data produced by the model run?	Yes. Three of them ... with plans to expand to 6. Fictitious data from other simulation systems. Our simulation system will interface to other simulation systems.	Brian Dudek
159	Engineering	PWS Line 2293-- IGC will provide the tools necessary to create, in part or in whole, data supplied by the exercise systems. Does this mean that the IES will require tools to replicate all DPO stakeholders' source systems and generate reasonable synthetic data when that stake holder is not participating in the exercise? For example – AMC is not participating, will IES need to replicate CAMPS/GDSS II outputs to feed the C2 systems of the participating Training Audiences?	We will never have to generate simulated source system data ourselves. It will be provided to us for our simulation.	Brian Dudek
160	Engineering	PWS Line 2294 - IES will provide the ability to set exercise scenarios to be complemented with external exercise systems and tools that can provide the data necessary to paint the exercise simulation. What does the term "set" mean? Is there a list of the external exercise systems and tools that must be set?	Set refers to the fact that we will be able to do more than one at a time. So we set each one. The list of external systems is the same as the list for the "real" system ... except PowerTrack.	Brian Dudek

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161	Engineering	PWS Line 2298 - IES will support the automated control of exercise events by allowing the customer to plan, execute, and control exercise play. Can you be more specific on what you mean by automated controls?	Examples: stop simulation, change data, restart, fast forward, and rewind.	Brian Dudek
162	Engineering	PWS Line 2306 IES will support up to two (2) exercise scenarios simultaneously (Threshold) and six (6) exercises (Objective). Will more that one set of hardware be dedicated to IES?	That has changed. It's now 3 and 6, respectively. We desire a solution that utilizes our High-Side COOP as the hardware platform.	Brian Dudek
163	Engineering	PWS Line 2307 -- The IES C2 exercise support capability will provide data to support modeling and simulation tools that support transportation analysis for real-world operations, real-world exercises, simulated command post exercises, and war games. What categories of data will be supported? For example, Transportation networks, conveyance load planning capacities, GEOLOC, etc? What are the modeling and simulations tools that will be supported? If capability GAP exists, will the ESP be tasked to develop simulation tools?	Essentially, the simulation system must be an EXACT simulation of what the real system does. It will allow data created during simulation to be fed out to other simulation systems. New requirements would be considered new work and subject to Task Area III and IV.	Brian Dudek
164	Engineering	PWS Line 2310 -- This capability will provide an end-to-end (origin-to-destination, i.e., theater assembly area or logistics support area) transportation simulation. Does the above statement (PWS Line 2310) imply the ESP will build an internal simulation capability that can support end to end distribution activities, transportation analysis and drive computer assisted training events? Does the above statement (PWS Line 2310) imply the ESP will federate with JFAST, CFAST, DESS and other training/analytical simulations to provide a capability that can support end to end what if transportation analysis?	Essentially, the simulation system must be an EXACT simulation of what the real system does. It will allow data created during simulation to be fed out to other simulation systems.	Brian Dudek
165	Engineering	PWS Line 2318 -- IES will generate predictive simulation of movement data. Please provide the governments definition of "prediction"?	By simulating what the real system would "show" using simulated data from "feeder simulation systems"; the government can predict aspects of movement.	Brian Dudek
166	Engineering	PWS Line 2318 -- IES will permit exercise controllers to collect and establish metrics for the system in an automated fashion. Is there a list of metrics to be collected?	No. This we be refined as part of IGC Spiral 3 CPS.	Brian Dudek

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167	Engineering	PWS Line 2329--IES will provide the exercise controller a Graphical User Interface tool to populate the database with exercise data Can the Graphical User Interface include a Map based interface? If so, does the government have a specific GIS product preference?	IGC has no requirement for a map.	Brian Dudek
168	Engineering	PWS Line 2340 -- IES will provide the ability to distribute data over existing networks and receive exercise message/source traffic. Does the government desire the ESP develop interfaces to multiple source and C2 system? If so, does the government have a list of those systems?	Yes. Sections 2.5.2.2 - 2.5.2.4.1.2.2.3 outline all the interfaces and systems.	Brian Dudek